

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in Arlington County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

January 9, 2008 to February 8, 2008

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a Federal construction proposal to determine if it is consistent with the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The act seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

Federal Aviation Administration

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) proposes to install and operate an airport surface detection equipment (ASDE) Model X upgrade system to serve Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) in Arlington County. The ASDE-X system is an automated ground surveillance system consisting of various antenna and sensor equipment which tracks the movement of aircraft and surface vehicles on taxiways and runways. The system to serve DCA would consist of the existing surface movement radar (SMR) mounted on a remote tower, and the installation of two reference transmitters (RTs) and eight remote unit (RU) sensors. Each RT and RU consists of an equipment box and an omni antenna or sector antenna mounted on a mast. Data from each RU would be transmitted via underground telephone or fiber optic lines. Ground disturbance is required for the installation of RUs 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8. RTs 1 and 2, and RUs 1, 3, and 7 would be mounted on existing structures. Approximately 4,000 square feet of total land disturbance is anticipated, and 2,150 square feet of impervious surface would be created. The FAA has submitted a Federal Consistency Determination which finds the proposed action consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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